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VIAL, H. et al.

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REQUEST

The Examiner is requested to issue a new Action which examines the claims 1-21 attached as Annexes to the IPER, and submitted with the Amendment of March 27, 2002 (copy attached with copy of date-stamped post card receipt).

The Office Action dated February 11, 2003, states that claims 1-23 are pending, apparently referring to the set of claims (i.e., 1-23) of the published application. The applicants specifically requested however in the Amendment of March 27, 2002 that the claims be amended to replace pages 60-70 (i.e., claims 1-23) with pages 60-73 (i.e., claims 1-21) of the Annexes to the IPER - which was attached to the Amendment.

As the Office Action of February 11, 2003, has not considered the pending claims, a new Action is requested which includes an examination of the pending claims. A new Action is requested, with the date for responding to the same being re-set from the mail date of the new Action.

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Respectfully submitted,

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